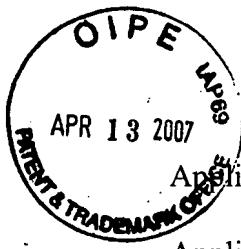


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

An RCE was filed in the subject application on April 2, 2007.

Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to examination is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.